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Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT:—" On a point of order, may I know, Sir, whether the idea underlying the answer is that the question is out of order in this House? "

The Hon. the PRESIDENT:—" I do not see any point of order in what the hon. Member said."

Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT:—" My Hon. Friend said that the answer could be got from the Collector. I asked a question here in this House. I just want to know whether I am out of order here in asking for this information from my Hon. Friend? "

The Hon. the PRESIDENT:—" The hon. Member may not be out of order in asking for the information. The Hon. the Revenue Member is not out of order in referring him to the Collector." (Laughter.)

Protection of Wild Birds and Animals.

Cattle mortality in North Arcot due to wild animals.

* 716 *Q.*—Mr. M. A. MANIKKAVELU NAYAKAR: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state the number of cattle killed every year by wild animals in the North Arcot district during the past five years?

A.—The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer given to question No. 239 on the 29th October 1935, which contains information as to the number of cattle killed during 1932, 1933 and 1934. The Government have no information regarding the number of cattle killed during 1931 and 1935.

Public Service

Communities falling under the category of 'Non-Brahman Hindus' and 'Backward Communities' for purposes of Government service.

* 717 *Q.*—Rao Bahadur Subadar-Major S. A. NANJAPPA Bahadur: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the names of all communities in the province treated by the Government as Non-Brahman Hindus for purposes of recruitment to Government service and also their strength; and

(*b*) the names of all communities in the province treated by the Government as backward communities for purposes of recruitment to Government service as well as their strength?

A.—(*a*) The term Non-Brahman Hindus includes all communities other than (1) Brahmans, (2) Muhammadans, (3) Anglo-Indians, (4) Indian Christians, (5) Non-Asiatics, and (6) the Scheduled Classes. The total population of Non-Brahman Hindus in this Presidency is 33,011,454.